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WIRELESS BROADBAND ACCESS TASK FORCE SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON TASK FORCE REPORT

GN Docket No. 04-163

Comments Due: April 22, 2005

Reply Comments Due: May 23, 2005

On March 8, 2005, the Commission's Wireless Broadband Access Task Force (Task Force) released its Report to the Commission containing its findings and recommendations. The Task Force hereby seeks comment on the Wireless Broadband Access Task Force Report. We request that interested parties submit written comments on the specific findings and recommendations in the Report and we welcome comments from all interested parties, including, but not limited to, academia, private industry, consumers, and all levels of government. The Report was drafted by FCC staff and was not voted on or approved by the Commission. Accordingly, neither the Report nor any of the recommendations contained therein necessarily reflect the views of the Commission.

The text of the Report and other Task Force documents may be downloaded from the Task Force's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/wbatf/ or may be obtained from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex (see contact information below).

Interested parties may file comments no later than April 22, 2005. Reply comments are due May 23, 2005. All filings should refer to **GN Docket No. 04-163**.

How to file comments. Comments may be filed either by filing electronically, such as by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies. Parties are strongly urged file their comments using ECFS (given recent changes in the Commission's mail delivery system). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, the electronic filer should include its full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, **GN Docket No. 04-163**. Parties also may submit comments electronically by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

¹ Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Parties who choose to file by paper may submit such filings by hand or messenger delivery, by U.S. Postal Service mail (First Class, Priority, or Express Mail), or by commercial overnight courier. Parties must file an original and four copies of each filing in GN Docket No. 04-163. Parties that want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of their comments must file an original plus nine copies. If paper filings are hand-delivered or messenger-delivered for the Commission's Secretary, they must be delivered to the Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110. Washington, D.C. 20002-4913. To receive an official "Office of the Secretary" date stamp, documents must be addressed to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. (The filing hours at this facility are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) If paper filings are submitted by mail though the U.S. Postal Service (First Class mail, Priority Mail, and Express Mail), they must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554. If paper filings are submitted by commercial overnight courier (i.e., by overnight delivery other than through the U.S. Postal Service), such as by Federal Express or United Parcel Service, they must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.2

Parties may also file with the Commission some form of electronic media submission (*e.g.*, diskettes, CDs, tapes, etc.) as part of their filings. In order to avoid possible adverse affects on such media submissions (potentially caused by irradiation techniques used to ensure that mail is not contaminated), the Commission advises that they should not be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered electronic media submissions should be delivered to the Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002-4913. Electronic media sent by commercial overnight courier should be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.³

Regardless of whether parties choose to file electronically or by paper, they should also send one copy of any documents filed, either by paper or by e-mail, to Best Copy & Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Availability of documents. Comments, reply comments, and ex parte submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. These documents also will be available electronically at the Commission's Disabilities Issues Task Force web site, www.fcc.gov/dtf, and from the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System. Documents are available electronically in ASCII text, Word 97, and Adobe Acrobat. Copies of filings in this proceeding may be obtained from Best Copy & Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554, telephone (800) 378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com. This document is also available in alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio cassette, and Braille). Persons who need documents in such formats may contact Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426, TTY (202) 418-7365, Brian.Millin@fcc.gov, or send an e-mail to access@fcc.gov.

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² See "FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents and a New Fax Number for General Correspondence," *Public Notice*, DA 01-2919 (rel. Dec. 14, 2001); "Reminder[:] Filing Locations for Paper Documents and Instructions for Mailing Electronic Media," *Public Notice*, DA 03-2730 (rel. Aug. 22, 2003).

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